

CCMGA MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2024
CLANTON RECREATION CENTER

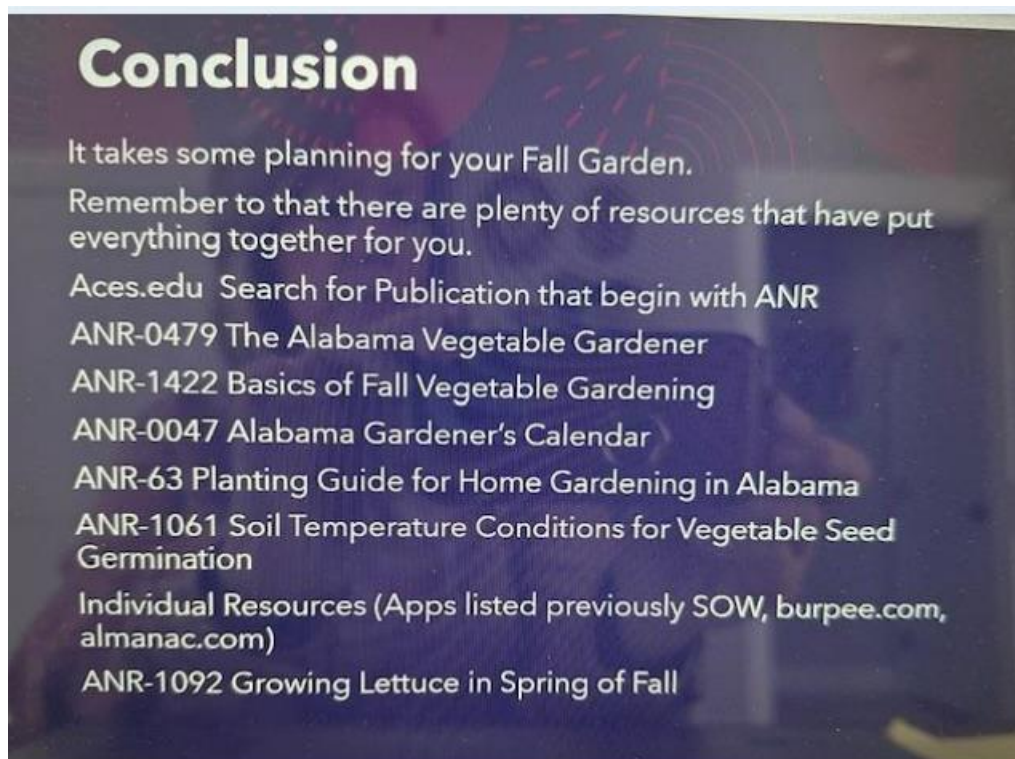
CALL TO ORDER – President Skip Coulter called the meeting to order at 9:29 am.

WOODMENLIFE (WOODMEN OF THE WORLD) – Ocie De Vaughn (President) and Vivian Johnson (Treasurer) of the WoodmenLife Chapter 322 (Clanton, AL) presented the CCMGA with a new American flag and stand to be used at the Clanton Recreation Center. CCMGA member, Hugh Nichols, who is also a WoodmenLife member, was responsible for contacting the not-for-profit life insurance company which also has a patriotism outreach program. Providing flags to nonprofit organizations, schools, and communities is just one of their many shining examples of American patriotism activities.

PLEDGE TO FLAG – Clem Clapp led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to our new American Flag.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS – No members or interns have February birthdays.

PROGRAM – This month's guest speaker, Mrs. Elizabeth York, was introduced by Vice President Betsy Smith. Mrs. York currently serves as the President of the Shelby County Master Gardener Association. "Cool Weather Vegetable Gardens" was the title of her presentation. Elizabeth provided a plethora of information supported by many research-based resources. Speaking in detail, Mrs. York provided information on each of the following topics: positive reasons to plant Cool Weather Gardens, recommended growing seasons, growing site options, vegetable varieties, planting seeds versus transplants, and harvesting. Additionally, using available resources and apps ([burpee.com](https://www.burpee.com), [Mother Earth News](https://www.motherearthnews.com), [SOW app](https://www.sowapp.com), etc.), Elizabeth addressed the importance of planting times, soil temperatures, frost dates and frost hardiness, coverings, and nitrogen feeders. In conclusion, Elizabeth encouraged cool weather vegetable gardening with an experienced emphasis on research-based planning throughout the process. Below is a listing of resources provided by Mrs. York.



ANNUAL CCMGA AWARDS – The following awards and recognitions were presented by Trisha Williams and Hugh Nichols, and the visual presentation was prepared by Audrey Giles.

Perfect Attendance at Monthly Meetings: Judy Cobb, Harriet Jackson

Lifetime Membership Pins: Amy Baker, Lynne May, Kerry Rush

Helpline Pins: Bronze (3 days)-Dianne Clapp; Silver-(4+ days)-Amy Baker, Amelia Bloomfield, Pat Farmer, Lyn Webb

Lifetime Volunteer Hours: Bronze Star (100-299 hrs)-Bobby Atchison, Amy Baker, Margariette Hoomes

Silver Star (300-499hrs)-Leslie Durham, Peggy McGraw, Hugh Nichols, Susan Parkerson, Kerry Rush

Gold Star (500-999 hrs)-Clem Clapp, Judy Cobb, Cheryl Herbster, Ron Herbster

Diamond Star (8000-9999 hrs)-Trisha Williams

Top Annual Intern Hours: Bobby Atkinson

Top Annual CEU Hours: Lyn Webb

Top Annual Hours: 3rd/258 hrs-Hugh Nichols; 2nd/513 hrs-Pat Farmer; 1st/656 hrs-Harriet Jackson

CCMGA Project of the Year: Clanton Recreation Center, Phase 2

Chilton County Master Gardener of the Year: Lanell Baker and Hugh Nichols

Congratulations to all!

GENERAL MEETING


MINUTES – Kerry Rush reported that the January 2024 minutes were posted on the CCMGA website and emailed to members. With no changes or additions to the minutes they will stand as posted. Kerry also took a moment to remind members that volunteer opportunities at the Demo Garden and Extension Office will begin in March.

FINANCES - Judy Cobb shared the January 2024 financial report as listed below:

Chilton County Master Gardener Association

Monthly Reconciliation

January 2024

Beginning Balance	\$ 3752.63	
Ending Balance	\$ 2972.78	
Total Deposits	\$ 60.00	 (Ctrl) ▾
Total Withdrawals	\$ 0.00	
Total Checks	\$ 839.85	
Checks Outstanding	\$ 0.00	
Net Balance Checking	\$ 2972.78	
Cash Box Reserve	\$ 100.00	
Small Business CD (w/ \$43.02 interest)	\$ 8361.05	
Total	\$11,433.83	

Pending Grant	\$5000.00
Spent	\$4954.27 + \$658.85 = \$5613.12
Available from Grant	\$ -613.12

CCMGA ANNUAL PLANT SALE – Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 13, 2024 (rain date is April 20). Trisha Williams provided a handout to complete and bring to the March Membership Meeting (included at end of minutes). If you have any questions, contact Trisha (trisha325@gmail.com; 205-410-5074).

ARBOR DAY – Pat Farmer reminded the membership of the annual Arbor Day tree giveaway, Tuesday, February 20, 2024. Volunteers are needed; contact Brandy at the Extension Office (205.280.6268).

VOLUNTEER SERVICE REPORT – Trisha Williams reminded the membership of the new reporting system which launched January 3rd. A training session is/was scheduled for 12:30pm, at the Extension Office, following the February Membership Meeting.

AMGA – The state convention is April 22-24, 2024 in Daphne, AL. There is information regarding the registration process, on the [ACES Alabama Master Gardeners](#) site.

WATER FEST 2024 - Pat Farmer provided a sign-up sheet and thanked the membership for the call to volunteer for both the material preparation (March 14th) and/or event help (March 15th). This is a collaboratively-sponsored school program (Chilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, Chilton Natural Resources Council, Alabama Forestry Commission) for all Chilton County Schools 4th graders. The event takes place at the Jefferson State Clanton campus. Pat shared that volunteer t-shirts will be provided. If you did not sign up to volunteer and would like to, please contact Pat (jerryatfarmer@hotmail.com)

ALABAMA MASTER GARDENER ADVISORY COUNCIL – Harriet Jackson attended and reported on last quarter's Advisory Council meeting held February 6, 2024 at PFTP. Her attendance, along with several other CCMGA members, resulted in a prize (PFTP Gift Card). Harriet has again encouraged attendance at the next quarter's meeting, May 7, 2024 at PFTP. If our membership wins the attendance prize again, she will "draw it forward" to one of the membership's attendees. In her report of the meeting, Harriet shared that the selection process for naming the pathway at the Transformation Garden in Auburn has moved to the next phase. The 5 top suggested names have been determined and final selection will be made by the TG's Board. Regarding the new reporting system for MG volunteer hours, Harriet encouraged members to "use it to know it". Lastly, February 29 is considered "Accomplish Day". While all members of the CCMGA have submitted 2023 volunteer reporting hours (thanks, Trisha), all members need to login at the same reporting site and complete the Memorandum of Understanding agreement by that date.

CLOSING ACTIVITY – Skip Coulter ended the meeting with an "Annuals v. Perennials" trivia game. The Perennials (right side of the room, facing the refreshment tables) took the prize . . . Jolly Ranchers!

DOOR PRIZES – Thanks to Judy Cobb and Kerry Rush for this month's door prizes. Winners included Lanell Baker, Joan Barber and John Higginbotham.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Tuesday, March 12, 2024. Come early, 9:00am, for fellowship, followed by a 9:30am program and general meeting. If you can help set up chairs and tables, please arrive by 8:30am.

Skip Coulter adjourned the meeting at 11:17am.

ATTENDANCE:

Members: 31 Interns: 0 Guest: 3 TOTAL: 34

Minutes submitted by Kerry Rush

Plant Sale Info

Date: April 13 (make up April 20)

Location: Goosepond Park

Time: 9am-2pm (MGs to arrive at 7am)

Plants:

- Label with common name, color, sun, shade, part shade
- Old blinds and a # 2 pencil work great for labels
- Well rooted plants or seedlings in good condition, clean pots
- DO NOT bring anything wilting, diseased or pitiful looking
- Mix potting soil with garden soil or compost for more affordable mix

If you need pots or trays, check with Gail Brooks 256-366-1536 leniorgail@yahoo.com
Larger pots are available at the CREC carport.

Country Store Items: we are looking for nice items such as garden art, pots, vases, watering cans, crafts No "yard sale junk"! Bring: March meeting or sale day

Name _____ **Bring list to March 12 Meeting**

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